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ORI update

There are 5 duty days remaining until the scheduled arrival of the AETC Operational Readiness Inspection team. Tips on how to ensure your unit is ready are included in the ORI Countdown column on page 2.

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Wing training timeline




As of Wednesday			
Pilot Instructor Training			
Squadron	Senior Class		Overall
99th FTS	-4.0		-2.0
558th FTS	-5.8		-0.5
559th FTS	-4.4		-0.4
560th FTS	-0.1		-4.4
Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.			
Navigator, EWO training			
562nd FTS		563rd FTS	
Air Force	229	Undergraduate	59
Navy	86	International	9
International	1	EWC Course	0
		Fundamentals	0

Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of navigator students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.

Wing Sortie Scoreboard			
Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual Required
T-1A	2,168	2,075	3,835
T-6A	5,044	5,032	8,863
T-37B	4,942	4,688	8,641
T-38A	4,852	4,899	8,640
T-43A	676	707	1,158

Numbers reflect the required and flown missions as of Wednesday, and the required missions for fiscal 03.

Weekend weather

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Today		90	70
Saturday		92	73
Sunday		88	69



Randolph Ambassadors 2nd Lt. Alex Ramos and Senior Airman Lety Diaz wave to the crowd during the Texas Cavaliers' River Parade, "Discover the World," April 21. Each year hundreds of thousands of people line the banks of the San Antonio Riverwalk to view the parade. The Randolph Ambassadors attended approximately 50 events during Fiesta. (Photo by Melissa Peterson)

Ambassadors take part in Fiesta

By Susan Gandy
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Fiesta attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors to the Alamo City each year, and this year marks the 112th Fiesta San Antonio celebration. Randolph Ambassadors 2nd Lt. Alex Ramos, assigned to the Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron, and Senior Airman Lety Diaz, from Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, represented Randolph at approximately 50 pre-Fiesta and Fiesta events.

The military has had the privilege to participate in Fiesta from the first Battle of Flowers Parade in 1891, when the Army loaned the city carriages for the parade. The Ambassadors have the opportunity not only to celebrate San Antonio's diverse heritage and culture, but also to inspire patriotism and promote the military at the numerous events.

"I think Fiesta was a great opportunity for the military and the San Antonio community to intermingle and celebrate the history of

this great city. They are so supportive and proud of us for serving our country. This truly is a military city," said Airman Diaz. "I have never been more proud to wear my uniform. This experience has given me a renewed sense of patriotism and have never seen a community so united with the military," she continued.

The Ambassadors are more involved now with Fiesta than ever before. They attended everything from receptions at Randolph, Brooks City-Base, Lackland and Fort Sam Houston, to parties hosted by Fiesta royalty. They attend three major parades: the Texas Cavaliers' River Parade, the Battle of Flowers Parade and the Flambeau Parade. All three parades are highlights of Fiesta for the Ambassadors, showcasing the military on a river barge and the joint-service float decorated with patriotic themes. These parades are attended by 250,000 to 400,000 patrons each year.

Airman Diaz added, "Everywhere we went, we were thanked for our service. As an Ambassador, I was given the opportunity

of a lifetime to touch the lives of our city's youth and mentor children of all ages and to meet and speak with the retired veterans who paved the way for us today."

The Ambassadors and senior military leadership joined officials from the state, county, and city to walk with the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and others of the community to honor the heroes of the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto. They paid their respects by laying wreaths and floral tributes in the front lawn of the Alamo.

"The support for the military in San Antonio is phenomenal," said Lieutenant Ramos. "I won't forget the chills I had from people standing and cheering for our troops, and children saluting us as we paraded through their sections. The city was cheering for you, the airmen, soldiers, Marines, sailors and civil servants, who make sacrifices every day to keep our nation free and strong. This experience reinforces the reasons why I decided to serve our great nation and I have never been so proud to call myself an American and an Airman."

Base's AFAF total exceeds expectations

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

The Air Force Assistance Fund came to a close April 11. Randolph exceeded expectations by raising \$102,585.45. This year's goal was \$89,333.

"I'd like to thank the members of Randolph for really coming through on this year's campaign. Everyone's generosity went above and beyond what I had hoped for," said Maj. Ken Shugart, Randolph AFAF project officer for 2003.

The four AFAF charities are the Air Force Aid Society; Air

Force Enlisted Foundation, formerly known as the Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation Inc.; Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund; and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

The organizations mainly benefit active-duty and retired Air Force members and their families, and, in some circumstances, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members on extended active duty orders and their dependents.

For more information on this year's AFAF campaign, call Major Shugart at 652-6714 or Maj. John Keoninger at 652-8108.

Three decades of reflections

By Col. Michael Billings
Vice Commander, 19th Air Force

Most of us pause for reflection over key times in our lives. Events such as graduation from high school or college, getting married, and having children are life-changing events and give pause to deeper thinking. As I approach retirement following over 26 years of active duty in the Air Force, I cannot help but look back on this life I’ve come to know so well and try to see the significance that led me to where I am.

Nearly 30 years ago, I was a young man graduating from high school and entering the USAF Academy. Since I didn’t come from a “military family,” I didn’t know quite what to expect. At that time in our country’s history, we were withdrawing forces from Vietnam and respect for the military was practically non-existent among the civilian sector. I vividly recall being verbally assaulted when in my cadet uniform in Colorado Springs with expressions such as, “How does it feel to kill women and babies?” Indeed, trust and confidence in the military was very low.

Yet, in three decades, we’ve witnessed an unprecedented growth of trust, confidence, and admiration for the military in our society. How has this happened? Not surprisingly, it’s happened because of the selflessness and high ethical standards of our Air Force team-active duty, Air National Guard, Air Force reservists, and our dedicated civil servants. When Lt. Gen. Brad Hosmer introduced core values at the Air Force Academy - and Gen. Ron Fogleman adopted them for the entire service - we codified guiding lights for our journey and our nation. Integrity-Service-Excellence. Short words, yet



Master Sgt. Robert Foster, 19th Air Force, sprays Col. Mike Billings, 19th AF vice commander, with a fire extinguisher after his fini-flight April 24. (Photo by David Terry)

they embrace the principles that the founders of this nation used to establish “one nation, under God.”

Yet, beyond the institutional heritage we so tightly embrace, I’ve learned many individual insights. I’ve learned that:

- One person can make a huge difference in what may seem like an impersonal system.

- You never know when a few heartfelt words can make a giant difference in someone’s life.
 - It is the military professional who labors - often unrecognized and underappreciated - to guarantee Americans the pursuits of liberty, freedom, and expression. And, those freedoms are often more difficult to live with than to acquire.
 - Good humor will often take the sting out of difficult situations.
 - Good people will make honest mistakes.
 - People can disagree without becoming disagreeable.
 - Discipline is a marvelously liberating skill.
 - When you’re in a hole, you should stop digging!
- But most importantly of all, I’ve learned that our people are incredible. Whether it is the young eager faces we graduate from BMTS or the more seasoned leaders in our enlisted and officer ranks, we bring diverse backgrounds and skills together to form a cohesive team. A team which is acknowledged as the world’s best Air Force - not just for our war-winning abilities, but for our patriotism, professionalism, and commitment. A team that willingly endures personal hardships, family separations, and long workdays without complaint.
- Thus, as I transition to the retired rolls, my every prayer and wish is for the great men and women who honor this nation by their dedicated service to continue to grow and set and achieve ever higher standards of excellence. Thank you for your dedication and for contributing to make our beloved nation and its Air Force the ever-shining light of liberty across the globe. God bless you and God bless the United States of America.

Base siren tested


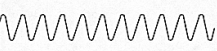

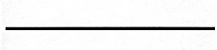
(Commander’s note: We do not have any Action Lines for publication this week. However, we often receive questions about programs and events through other channels than the Action Line. The following is one of those questions.)

Question: Every Wednesday at noon I hear the base siren go off for a few seconds. Why does it do this?

Answer: We sound the base siren for a few seconds each Wednesday at noon as part of a test of our emergency notification system. We do this at a regularly scheduled time so that base residents and employees recognize that it is just a test.

The graphic at right shows the different standardized alarm signals, what they mean and what people should do when they are activated.

An important thing to remember is that the “all clear” signal is a verbal or electronic message from base officials. The fact that a siren stops does not in itself indicate that it is safe to resume normal operations.

USAF STANDARDIZED ALARM SIGNALS			
FOR THE UNITED STATES, ITS TERRITORIES & POSSESSIONS			
WARNING OR CONDITION	SIGNAL	MEANING	REQUIRED ACTIONS
ATTACK WARNING	  3-5 MINUTE WAVERING TONE ON SIREN OR OTHER DEVICES 3-5 MINUTE PERIOD OF SHORT BLASTS FROM HORNS/WHISTLES OR OTHER DEVICES	ATTACK IS IMMINENT, IN PROGRESS OR ARRIVAL OF NUCLEAR FALLOUT IS IMMINENT	PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO DESIGNATED SHELTER OR TAKE OTHER APPROPRIATE PROTECTIVE ACTIONS ∞ LISTEN FOR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS
PEACETIME EMERGENCY WARNING	  3-5 MINUTE STEADY TONE ON SIREN OR LONG STEADY BLAST ON HORNS, WHISTLES, OR SIMILAR DEVICE	PEACETIME DISASTER THREAT EXISTS ∞ POTENTIAL OR CONFIRMED HAZARD TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR PROPERTY	TUNE INTO LOCAL RADIO, TELEVISION, OR CABLE STATIONS FOR EMERGENCY INFORMATION ∞ LISTEN TO PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEMS FOR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS ∞ BE PREPARED TO EVACUATE, TAKE IMMEDIATE SHELTER OR OTHER APPROPRIATE PROTECTIVE ACTIONS
ALL CLEAR	DECLARED VERBALLY BY LOCAL OFFICIAL AGENCIES	EMERGENCY TERMINATED	RESUME NORMAL OPERATIONS OR INITIATE RECOVERY IF APPLICABLE
REMARKS: Local, off-base jurisdictions rely on the National Emergency Action Notification (EAN) network and the Emergency Alert System (EAS).			

Countdown to operational readiness inspection

The 12th Flying Training Wing Inspector General’s office offers suggestions on how to prepare for the upcoming ORI - 5 duty days and counting.

DAY 5 - (Monday) IG Team Work Center: The IG Team work center is activating in the Chapel Annex today. Have work-detail personnel who will assist in standing up the Work Center ready to go; the same thing with equipment and office supplies. Continue cleaning, clearing, weeding, and straightening things out. Just because something is old does not mean it cannot be clean and serviceable. Pride and professionalism are found even in the smallest of details.

DAY 4 - (Tuesday) Conduct with Inspector: Always be courteous to the evaluators. If you do not know an answer to a question, tell the inspector that you will find out and get back with her or him ASAP. Under no circumstances should you argue with an evaluator — inform your super-


visor of the situation and let leadership take care of it. Make sure to complete one last check of your files and continuity books. Be aware of upcoming changes and updates. Ensure all areas are purged of outdated publications or documents.

DAY 3 - (Wednesday) House Party: Go back and check up on items identified during previous inspections of work and common areas. Before you throw something away, determine if it is something that needs to be turned in somewhere. Check on the status of previous safety hazards and have the unit safety rep clear up any other potential safety deficiencies.

DAY 2 - (Thursday) Inspection Team Reception: Identify IG team parking spaces and office space, and make sure everyone knows where they are. Assign someone to place the standardized reserved parking signs on Sunday or

early Monday morning. In-unit inspection support preparations such as inspector office space, on-arrival specialized information requirements, and computer workstations should be in the final stage. Ensure a professional work area appearance: remove clutter, and make sure furniture is serviceable and areas are clean. Take one last look at training records.

DAY 1 - (Friday) Final Walk Through: Get into an “offensive crouch” and mentally prepare yourself. Ensure grooming, uniforms, work and entry areas are impeccable. Get ready to roll out the red carpet and show off your programs and accomplishments. Are parking signs ready? Are all required items for inspection team members laid out (a final check of the Functional Area Requirements spreadsheets on the AETC/IG web site)? For flying squadrons - are there any upcoming FLIP changes/updates? Let the games begin...



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National Nurses Week observed

The work of America’s 2.7 million registered nurses to save lives and maintain the health of millions of individuals is the focus of this year’s National Nurses Week, celebrated annually Tuesday through May 12 throughout the United States.

“Nurses: Lifting Spirits, Touching Lives” is the theme for 2003. National Nurses Week begins Tuesday, the traditional National Nurses Day. This year the American Nurses Association, in conjunction with its constituent State Nursing Associations, will recognize nurses by drawing special attention to nurse staffing issues.

Traditionally, National Nurses Week begins May 6, marked as RN Recognition Day and ends on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of nursing as a modern profession. During this week, nurses and military medical technicians will be honored by a variety of events held at the Randolph Clinic.

National Nurses Week is devoted to highlighting the diverse ways in which

registered nurses, the largest health care profession, are working to improve health care. From handling patient care issues in the outpatient arena to bedside nursing in hospitals and long term care facilities to the halls of research institutions, state legislature and Congress, the depth and breadth of the nursing profession is meeting the expanding health care needs of American society.

There are nearly 2.7 million registered nurses in the United States. More than two million of them are actively employed.

As of November 2001, the Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that more than one million new nurses will be needed by the year 2010. The report projects that total employment will increase by 22.2 million jobs during the 2000-2010 period, rising to 167.8 million. Health care practitioners and technical occupations are expected to account for 1.6 million new jobs during that period. Registered nurses, which represent the largest occupation in this group, should account for more

than one third of those new jobs.

There are more than 196,000 advanced practice nurses in the United States. Of these, approximately 88,100 are nurse practitioners, 54,300 are clinical nurse specialists, 14,600 are both nurse practitioners and clinical specialists, 9,200 are nurse midwives, and 29,800 are nurse anesthetists.

A January 2001 American Nurse Association Staffing Survey revealed that America’s RNs feel that deteriorating working conditions have led to a decline in the quality of nursing care.

Specifically, 75 percent of the nurses surveyed felt the quality of nursing care at the facility in which they work has declined over the past two years, while 56 percent of nurses surveyed believe that the time they have available for patient care has decreased. In addition, more than 40 percent said that they would not feel comfortable having a family member or someone close to them be cared for in the facility in which they work, and more than 54 percent would not recommend the

profession to their children or friends. These statistics reveal a disturbing trend.

America’s registered nurses report that health and safety concerns play a major role in their decisions to remain in the profession, according to findings from a Health and Safety Survey released in September 2001. In the survey, more than 70 percent of nurses cited the acute and chronic effects of stress and overwork as one of their top three health and safety concerns. Yet more than two-thirds of the nurses report working some type of unplanned overtime every month.

The nation’s nurses rank second for their honesty and integrity, with 84 percent of Americans rating them ‘high’ or ‘very high,’ according to a 2001 CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll.

Firefighters, who were given high ratings by 90 percent of Americans, displaced nurses from the poll’s top slot, following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Nurses had previously rated first for two years in a row after being added to the list in 1999. (12th Medical Group)

Congratulations Retirees

Today

Col. Michael Billings, *19th Air Force*

Chief Master Sgt. Claude Allbee, *Air Education and Training Command*

Senior Master Sgt. Tommy Bell, *Air Education and Training Command*

Master Sgt. David Mattson, *12th Medical Group*

Dwight Estep, *Air Force Services Agency*

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Lance Cpl. David Bick



Lance Cpl. Christopher Goodell



Lance Cpl. Anthony Kuhn



Lance Cpl. Christian Lussier



Lance Cpl. Daniel Mestas



Lance Cpl. Jeremy McReynolds



Lance Cpl. Phillip Valdez



Lance Cpl. Gregory White

Marines graduate from navigation school

Eight students of Marine Aerial Navigation School Class 2002-04 are scheduled to graduate today. The graduation culminates six months of intensive training, which included 10 flights, 22 simulator missions, and six phases of training including low-level navigation, aerial refueling, and air delivery. They will become part of a select group of enlisted Marines to proudly wear the insignia and be designat-

ed Marine Aerial Navigators. Lance Cpl. David Bick is the class Honor Graduate. He received a Meritorious Mast from the commanding officer, Marine Aviation Training Support Group 22, Corpus Christi, Texas, and a plaque from the Marine Corps Association. The new navigators will transfer to the Fleet Replacement Squadron, VMGRT-253, MCAS Cherry Point, N.C. There they will spend three months

training in the KC-130 aircraft. Upon qualification at Cherry Point, they are looking forward to assignments with operational squadrons in MCAS Miramar, Calif.; MCAS Futenma, Okinawa, Japan; Carswell JRB, Texas; and Stewart ANGB, N.Y. The guest speaker for the graduation ceremony is Col. Anthony W. Valentino, USMC, commanding officer of Marine Aviation Training Support Group 22.

New ID cards are secure, ready

Staff Sgt. Matt Miller
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

The high-tech identification Common Access Card, or CAC, currently replacing familiar green IDs worldwide is secure and proven in combat, despite some rumors to the contrary. “Worries are unfounded” that the new IDs are easily accessible to identity thieves or even hostile forces, said Chief Master Sgt. Ricky Arnold, Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape program manager at the Pentagon. “These cards are not a risk to anyone’s privacy or security,” said the chief. “We thoroughly researched the security risks before we even began to issue common access cards,” said Maj. Gen. Richard Mentemeyer, director of operations and training at the Air Staff. “We were satisfied then, and recent events have reinforced our belief that common access cards are not only secure and safe but also provide required Geneva Conventions information in the event an airman is captured,” the general said. “In a war zone or at home station, there should be no hesitation: Don’t leave home without it,” he said.

The card does not contain any personal information electronically that isn’t already printed on the card, officials said. What it does is allow for electronic access to computer systems that contain personal data. Also, an extra layer of protection is provided when a card is reported lost or the cardholder goes into missing or captured status. At that point computer and data system access is turned off, officials said. And built-in electronic security measures make getting access to what information is on the chip extremely difficult, if not impossible, officials said. “To date, there has not been a single successful attempt to extract information from one of these cards. We know that airmen isolated in hostile areas don’t have to worry, because we have tested and validated during Operation Iraqi Freedom the process for turning off computer access,” Chief Arnold said. Common access cards should be issued across the Department of Defense by October to all eligible Air Force active duty, guard, reserve, civilians and some contractors, officials said. Rumors that some deployed airmen destroyed or lost their CAC cards in an effort to get an old-fashioned green ID card reissued to them spurred officials to conduct an informal study into the matter, the chief said.

“The results showed no evidence of that sort of activity—which would be illegal, since the cards are government property,” he said. “The statistics don’t show any cases where people are intentionally maneuvering to get old-style cards. And we checked specifically for indications of that. It just seems to be a completely unfounded rumor,” he said. Even in hostile areas, the new CACs do not put peoples’ privacy and security at risk, officials said. Each card bears a color photo and service seal of the holder, required visible personal data, a magnetic strip, linear and two-dimensional barcodes, and a 32 kilo-byte computer chip. “The amount of information on the new ID cards is less than people normally voluntarily give to salespeople or over the internet to buy things with their credit cards,” said the general. Even if someone had the extensive knowledge and expensive equipment needed to get information off the chip, an attempt would take longer than eight hours per card, and cause the card to be deactivated and/or destroyed in the process, he said. More information can be found at <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/smartcard>.

News Briefs

Control of medical records

Effective now, TRICARE Prime beneficiaries are no longer required to hand carry their medical records to other military treatment facilities. The clinic will no longer release the original copy of the medical records to patients for appointments outside their MTF. Patients with consult appointments will now be provided a copy of their SF 600 patient encounter note and a printed copy of the consult request completed by the referring provider. For more information, call 652-2974.

Tuition assistance

Appropriated-fund civilians working for the Air Education and Training Command can now receive financial support for higher education under a new program, the Civilian Tuition Assistance Program.

Command officials recently created this program in response to future mission needs, workforce shaping, recruitment and retention initiatives. The CTAP will fund 75 percent of tuition costs, not to exceed \$187.50 per semester hour or \$124.50 per quarter hour. There is a cap of \$3,500 per year per student, dependent on availability of funds. The tuition assistance program is limited to instructional costs and laboratory fees. Books and other fees will be the responsibility of the student. Participants may not be receiving support from any other sources such as the GI Bill, Veterans’ Administration or career programs. Agreements must be signed to satisfactorily complete the courses or pay back the tuition. Courses will be attended during non-duty hours. Civilian employees are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity toward their educational goals. The program is administered by the education services

flight. For more information, call 652-5964.

TXDOT repairs

The Texas Department of Transportation began a repair project April 9 applying crack sealant on portions of FM 78 from Loop 410 to Cibolo Creek. During the project, one lane of traffic will be closed on the affected portion of FM 78 in approximately one mile increments. As the project progresses over the next week, TXDOT plans to apply the sealant to sections of FM 78 outside the West, Main and East gates. All drivers are encouraged to pay extra attention to work crews in the area and use caution when traveling in these areas. Specific dates and times of work expected to be completed near the base will be published as they become available. For more information, call the 12th Flying Training Wing safety office at 652-1842.

Time-off

Commander reiterates post-deployment policy

The commander of Air Education and Training Command reiterated his policy recently that provides members time off after they return from lengthy deployments.

In a message sent to commanders throughout AETC, Gen. Donald Cook reaffirmed that people who are deployed from six to 12 weeks get seven days off and people deployed 12 weeks or longer get 14 days off.

Known as the post-deployment stand-down policy, the terms for these days off were originally established in June 1999. The latest policy letter is dated March 24.


“It is our intent to provide all TDY-weary AETC members an opportunity to recover and reconstitute after lengthy deployments to contingency areas where adverse conditions and extended duty hours are the norm,” said General Cook in his reiteration of the policy.

During these periods of time off following deployments, members will be given appropriate time to tend to personal and professional matters in the local area. Should a member elect to travel outside the local area, normal leave will be charged, according to the policy.

“Commanders should provide their people the opportunity to schedule post-deployment stand-down time as quickly as operationally feasible,” the general said. “Realizing mission requirements may not allow stand-down time in the near term, commanders should ensure those deserving individuals have their stand-down time honored within 90 days of their return to home station.”

People who supported the deployment at home station should also receive time off,

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Gen. Donald Cook
AETC commander

according to the general’s policy letter. However, local commanders are in a better position to determine which people or units operated in a “deployed fashion” at home station and can grant appropriate time off.

“This policy ensures AETC members who support contingencies receive time off to get caught up in their personal lives and return to duty reenergized and ready to take on new challenges,” General Cook said. “It also provides commanders with flexibility and guidelines to determine and schedule post-deployment stand-down time.” (AETCNS)

Don’t trust your life to luck ... buckle up

AETC revises supplement to uniform instruction

Air Education and Training Command recently revised AETC Supplement 1 to Air Force Instruction 36-2903, “Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel.”

“We completely revised the supplement, which was last published in 1996,” said Lt. Col. Karen Schwartz, AETC Directorate of Personnel Field Activities Branch chief. “It was important to update our uniform regulations to reflect the standards of our current leadership and the changing uniform requirements of the Air Force.”

The 23-page document gives instructions ranging from wear of the uniform while traveling to authorized haircut styles for Officer Training School trainees.

According to Colonel Schwartz, the most asked about changes include:

Headwear — All AETC personnel, except HQ AETC personnel, may wear the woodland baseball-style ball cap. Only services, combat arms training, inspector general and maintenance personnel are authorized to wear another color ball cap.

Flight suit wear — When the flight cap is placed in the bottom pocket of the flight suit, that zipper is not required to be zipped. All other zippers will be completely closed. Flight suit sleeves may not be pushed or rolled up.

Badge placement — The professional military education or AETC instructor badge is worn on the right pocket centered under the pocket flap. Personnel assigned to PME will wear the PME badge in lieu of the AETC instructor badge.

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Lt. Col. Karen Schwartz
AETC Directorate of Personnel
Field Activities Branch chief

Morale patches — Morale patches are not authorized for wear on battle dress uniforms.

Wear of aiguillettes — Military training leaders are authorized the blue aiguillette with all uniform combinations upon successful completion of the prescribed formal training course. Airmen leaders will wear the single braided red, yellow or green aiguillette with all uniform combinations; chapel assistants will wear the white aiguillette; drum and bugle or fife and drum will wear the silver or white and navy blue aiguillette; drill team members and special activity teams will wear the black aiguillette.

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By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service Web site is available for customers who enjoy shopping on-line, or for customers who want to try shopping in a different way.

The Web site, www.aafes.com, provides a lot for AAFES customers. There are a lot of services and products offered on the Web site that are not available at the store, such as auto parts, fabric and computers that customers can have built for them. Other products available for purchase on-line include flowers, greeting cards, books, shoes, prom dresses and school uniforms.

There are links on the Web site to the catalog, a store locator, job applications and upcoming sales flyers. Customers can also purchase gift certificates, make payments on their credit cards and enter sweepstakes.

The Web site also features an ‘item of the week,’ focusing on one item available for purchase.

Customers can give feedback or have their comments and questions answered by chatting on-line with an AAFES customer service representative. The Web site also offers information on product recalls, AAFES news stories and movie listings for base theaters around the world.

“The Web site is extremely easy to navigate and has even won some awards,” said Len Freitas, Randolph AAFES store manager. “Authorized customers can shop from all over the world.”

Authorized customers include active duty military, retirees, reservists, National Guard, Department of State officials serving in foreign countries, and dependents of these customers.

“When customers enter their information to sign in, the information is automatically checked, to make sure they are authorized to use the Web site,” said Mr. Freitas. “The site is very user-friendly and convenient.”

For more information, call 652-2681, or visit www.aafes.com.

Honoring the Centennial of Flight

Honoring the Centennial of Flight is a series of short vignettes about remarkable achievements or events related to the first 100 years of aviation history.

The first non-stop transcontinental flight started on this date in 1923. Lts. John A. Macready and Oakland G. Kelly flew a U.S. Army Air Service Fokker T2, with a single 400 horsepower Packard Liberty engine, from Roosevelt Field on Long Island and landed in San Diego the next day. At an average speed of 92 miles per hour, the flight covered 2,470 miles in 26 hours, 50 minutes. It was so heavily loaded with fuel that for the first 20 minutes of flight, the plane could barely clear telegraph poles along the roads.

(Research by Bob Hieronymus)

Military Appreciation Month begins May 1

WASHINGTON — Organizers for National Military Appreciation Month are asking Americans to show their appreciation for the military by displaying the American flag and the POW/MIA flag now through Flag Day on June 14.

In 1999, a resolution was passed in Congress proclaiming May as National Military Appreciation Month. The month remembers those who gave their lives in defense of the nation’s freedom and honors those Americans who have served their country, and the men and women now serving in uniform on active duty, in the National Guard and Reserve and all of their families. More than 80 million Americans have served in uniform in more than 225 years of American history.

May includes Loyalty Day (May

1), VE Day (May 8), Military Spouse Day (May 9), Armed Forces Day (May 17) and Memorial Day (May 30).

“Whether we are at war or peace, we must let our men and women know we appreciate all that they do and have done for us,” said Alice Wax, the event’s executive director. “My late husband, a (World War II) veteran, was a strong supporter of the military, and I felt strongly about finding a way to honor our servicemembers.”

Event organizers are asking all Americans to remember, honor and appreciate the military by displaying U.S. flags and yellow ribbons on cars, homes, businesses and in classrooms.

For further information, go to the National Military Appreciation Month Web site. (AFPN)

Vigilance by all is the best defense at home



LSI metal recycling

Recycling is everybody’s business, but there are right ways and wrong ways to do it. Lear Seigler Inc. employees Phillips Phan and Ken Greenwald show how they use the specialized containers located at Hangar 76. These containers are locked because they are to be used only by LSI for certain types of recyclable materials. No other wastes are to be left in or at these containers. Call the Base Recycling Team Leader at 652-1160 for answers to your recycling questions. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

America at War



“People who live in Iraq deserve the same freedom that you and I enjoy here in America. And after years of tyranny and torture, that freedom has finally arrived.”

President George Bush
Dearborn news brief, April 2003

Randolph supports global mission

As of Monday, 159 Team Randolph members are deployed in support of military operations around the globe.

Bush tells Iraqi-Americans they are proof Iraq can be free

By Kathleen Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, April 28, 2003 - The days of repression of the Iraqi people are over, President Bush told a crowd of Iraqi expatriates in Dearborn, Mich. “Iraq will be democratic,” he added.

In a short speech interrupted many times by

applause and shouts of support from the crowd, Bush told the group they are living proof that the Iraqi people love freedom and can flourish in democracy.

“People who live in Iraq deserve the same freedom that you and I enjoy here in America,” he said. “And after years of tyranny and torture, that freedom has finally arrived.”

Still, he cautioned, rebuilding Iraq will take time. “That nation’s recovering not just from weeks of conflict but from decades of totalitarian rule,” the president said.

Bush laid out a litany of injustices Saddam Hussein’s regime brought to bear on the Iraqi people.

The dictator “treated himself to palaces with gold faucets and grand fountains” in a country in which 40 percent of the people don’t have access to clean drinking water, Bush said.

Iraq defied United Nations sanctions and exported milk, dates, corn and grain for profit while “more than half a million Iraqi children were malnourished.”

Hussein let more than \$200 million worth of medicines and medical supplies “sit in warehouses,” while one in eight Iraqi children died before the age of 5, the president said.

“And while the dictator spent billions on weapons, including gold-covered AK-47s, nearly a quarter of Iraqi children were born underweight,” he added.

Other sobering statistics: Today, Iraq has half as many hospitals as it did in 1990, and 70 percent of the country’s schools are rundown and overcrowded. One quarter of Iraqi children don’t attend school at all, Bush said.

“These problems plagued Iraq long before

the recent conflict,” he added.

The president shared several anecdotes about Iraqis cooperating with Americans. The most publicized is the Iraqi lawyer who risked his life several times to lead American Marines to U.S. prisoner of war Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch. Other Iraqis led Marines to the seven other American POWs several days later.

“Iraqis have warned our troops about land mines and enemy hideouts and military arsenals,” Bush said.

He quoted an Iraqi man who received medical care aboard the U.S. Navy hospital ship Comfort: “They treat us like family. There are babies in Iraq who are not cared for by their mothers as well as the nurses have cared for us.”

Comments about unity and democracy garnered the longest and loudest applause and cheers. “Whether you’re Sunni or Shia or Kurd or Chaldean or Assyrian or Turkoman or Christian or Jew or Muslim,” Bush said, shouting to be heard above the roar of the crowd. “No matter what your faith, freedom is God’s gift to every person in every nation!”

He assured them, “America has no intention of imposing our form of government or our culture.”

“Yet we will ensure that all Iraqis have a voice in the new government and all citizens have their rights protected,” Bush added.

The president expressed his confidence that a free Iraq can “be an example of peace and prosperity and freedom to the entire Middle East.”

“It’ll be a hard journey,” he said. “But at every step of the way, Iraq will have a steady friend in the American people.”

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Source: www.whitehouse.gov



Volunteer awards

(Left to right) Patricia Flake, women's health clinic volunteer; retired Master Sgt. Buck Zehringer, dental flight volunteer; Col. Daryl Hausmann, 12th Flying Training Wing vice commander; Loretta Reel, pharmacy volunteer; and Ali Pourzadi, youth flight volunteer; pose at Randolph's 2003 Volunteer Excellence Award Ceremony held Monday at the enlisted club. Each person was recognized for their volunteer work with a certificate of volunteer excellence, a volunteer excellence pin, a gift from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and a gift card. The Air Force Volunteer Excellence Award was established to recognize individuals who perform outstanding volunteer community service. (Photo by Medora Arnaud)

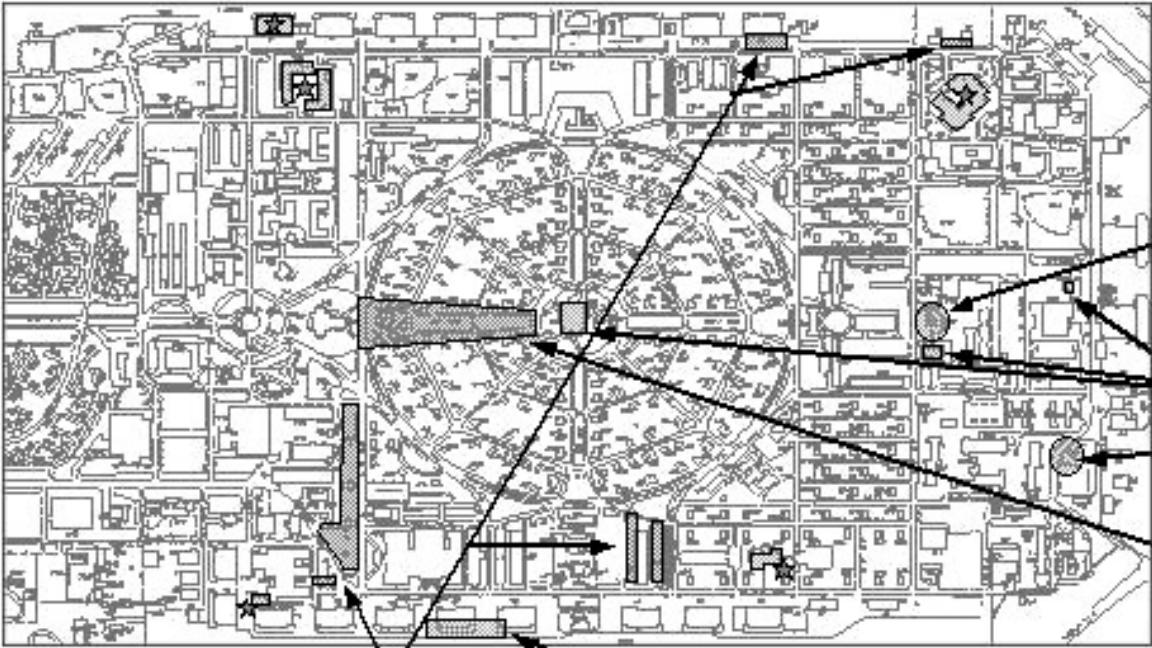


Snake

Airman First Class Palitha Townsend and Mr. George Orta, 12th Civil Engineer Squadron entomology section, show a Texas Rat Snake they caught in base housing recently. As the weather continues to warm, the chances of seeing different varieties of snakes in and around base housing areas and other facilities increases. While some species of snakes are valuable parts of our environment here, such as helping keep the rodent population low, the 12th CES encourages all base residents and employees to avoid handling snakes. Immediately contact the entomology section at 652-4299 when any snakes are observed on the installation; the entomology staff is trained to handle the reptiles safely and remove them from areas where they may pose a danger. (Courtesy photo)

CONSTRUCTION

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Roof repairs continue around base. Building 693, Building 393 and Building 394 completion dates have been extended to June 6. Hangar 3, Building 245 and Building 743 are scheduled through July 14.

South pool is under repair for leaks. Estimated completion date is today.

Painting will be accomplished at Building 500, Building 975 and Building 992 through July 15.

South Water Tower being repainted. Estimated completion date: June 7.

North Park Road repaving project: Phase I is underway estimated to end in July then Phase II starts in August. Estimated completion date: September.

Phase II of basewide striping continues following the schedule below:
-Building 20: today
-Building 22: Monday
-Buildings 216, 220, 224, 235: Tuesday
-Buildings 241, 468, 499: Wednesday
-Building 663: Thursday through May 9
-Building 1040: May 14-15

Parking on flightline side of Hangar 71 and between Hangar 70 and Hangar 71 will be restricted May 15-30 for installation of chilled water lines. Estimated completion date: May 30

Installing dumpster pads basewide from Monday through May 5. Minimal parking will be effected at the following facilities:
Buildings 22, 220, 243, 903, 907, 2153



Charlotte Noll, family support center, career focus program manager, ties a yellow ribbon outside the family support center building in honor of all of the service members who are currently deployed. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

FSC supports deployed members

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

The family support center’s waiting families support group completed their yellow ribbon project recently in honor of all of the service members who are currently deployed and supporting the war on terrorism.

“Displaying a yellow ribbon is a sign of loyalty to family, friends or loved ones who we hope to see return home soon,” said Christine Schroeder, family support center. “Customarily, yellow ribbons are used to welcome home men and women who have been away for long periods of time under difficult circumstances, such as war.”

Families of deployed members decorated with

yellow ribbons in honor of their loved one who is currently deployed or on a remote tour. The families took the ribbons to display in front of their homes or at their work place. The families also decorated the trees in front of the family support center with yellow ribbons.

“This is the first time that the waiting families support group has done a yellow ribbon project,” said Ms. Schroeder. “We have numerous families that will be taking part in decorating and displaying a yellow ribbon in honor of loved ones.”

Anyone who was not able to decorate with a ribbon is welcome to come by the family support center to decorate one in honor of a deployed member.

For more information, call 652-5321.

Know stroke warning signs

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

A stroke, or brain attack, occurs when a blood clot blocks a blood vessel or artery, or when a blood vessel breaks and interrupts blood flow to an area of the brain, according to the National Stroke Association.

When a brain attack occurs, it kills brain cells in the immediate area. These cells usually die within minutes to a few hours after the stroke starts. Control is lost in the area of the brain where the cells died. This includes functions such as speech, movement and memory.

According to www.stroke.org, the five most common stroke symptoms are a sudden numbness or weakness in a person’s face, arm, leg or one side of the body; sudden confusion or trouble speaking and understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness,

loss of balance or coordination; and a sudden severe headache with no known cause.

Other important, but less common stroke symptoms include sudden nausea, fever and vomiting within minutes or hours; and a brief loss of consciousness or a period of decreased consciousness, including fainting, confusion, convulsions or a coma.

According to the National Stroke Association, people who see someone with the symptoms of a stroke should seek emergency help immediately, and not wait. The longer the delay, the more damage a stroke can cause and the less recovery can be achieved.

Strokes are preventable, can happen to anyone and need emergency treatment. Recovery from a stroke continues throughout the person’s lifetime.

For more information on strokes, visit www.stroke.org. or call 652-4267



Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Gregory Young, optometry clinic, examines a patient. “I am a fourth generation Chinese-American born and raised in Hawaii. It is important that I share my heritage because I constantly encounter assumptions based upon uninformed stereotypes that ultimately hurt our opportunities for career advancement and equal treatment. It is only by education that we can deal with the misunderstanding and ignorance that feeds prejudice among fellow Americans. Immigration to the United States, and its consequence of ethnic diversity, has given this country the experiences and work ethic that makes America the greatest nation in the world.” (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

Randolph Community Bulletin Board



Miscellaneous Community Notes

Home Alone training

The Home Alone training program is one-hour of training, designed to prepare children ages 6-12 for when they are left unattended in base quarters for short periods of time. The next training is May 15 from 5-6 p.m. in the family support center. Children and parents must attend together.

For more information, call 652-6308.

Military families saluted

Military families will have the opportunity to receive free tickets vouchers for the upcoming San Antonio Missions baseball game May 12. Military families will receive a dollar discount for the Armed Forces Day game May 17, by presenting a proof of purchase seal from any Kraft product.

There is also a youth essay contest, with a prize of three \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bonds to be awarded. Children can also have the opportunity to be selected as an honorary bat boy.

For more information on the upcoming games, to enter the essay contest or for the chance to be a bat boy, call 652-2052.

Veteran's visit

The Air Force Sergeants Association is having their Post-Memorial Day Veterans Visit May 29 at the Kerrville V.A. Hospital. The group will be departing the base at 7:30 a.m. from Building 900. The uniform is blues, BDUs, flight suit or hospital whites. Lunch is barbecue for \$6, or participants can bring their own. Seats are limited to the first 40 people that sign up.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Mike Devenitch at 652-4463.

Project Graduation

Project Graduation will hold their last meeting for Randolph High School seniors' parents Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call 566-3125.

Golf Tournament

The First Annual Headquarters Air Education Training Command Logistics Readiness Division "Spring Fling" golf tournament will be held May 16 at noon at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course. The tournament format is a four-person Florida scramble (select shot). The cost is \$35 for non-members and \$25 for members, which includes green fee, cart, food and beverages. Prizes to be awarded to first, second, third and last place teams. Prizes also given out for a hole-in-one, men and women long drive, closest to the pin, longest putt made and door prizes.

The sign-up deadline is May 15. To sign up or request more information, call Master Sgt. Shaun Derry at 652-3905, or email shaun.derry@randolph.af.mil, call Master Sgt. John Maples at 652-5107, or email john.maples@randolph.af.mil, or call Senior Master Sgt. Tim Cornish at 652-5621.

ITT/equipment rental closure

Information, Tickets and Travel and the equipment rental building will be closed Saturday for carpet installation.

Public hearing for RFISD budget

A public hearing to discuss the proposed 2003-2004 budget for Randolph Field Independent School District is Thursday at 4 p.m. in the high school, room 21. Anyone wishing to hear the discussion or make comments is welcome.

For more information, call 357-2445.

Chief's group meeting

The Randolph Chief's Group meeting is today at 3 p.m. in the enlisted club. All chiefs are welcome.

For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Kent Uphoff at 652-5503, or visit www.chiefsgroup.org.

Limited access to Building 399

Customer and handicapped access to Building 399 will be limited Tuesday through 11 a.m. due to parking lot re-striping.

For more information, call 652-3317.



Family Support Center

Building 693

Telephone: 652-5321

Moms, Pops and Tots

Moms, Pops and Tots is an educational and play group for children 5 and under. They meet Thursday from 10-11:30 a.m. at the chapel center.

For more information, call 652-5321.

Airmen's Attic

The airmen's attic is open for donations of clothing, furniture and other various household items, Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. A large item pick-up service is available Wednesdays. Donations are only accepted in ready-to-use and working condition, to reduce expense of the families that will receive the items.

Donation receipts are provided upon request. Do not leave donations outside the building. This violates Air Force security regulations and is unsightly.

For more information, call 652-3060.

Spouse Appreciation Fair

The Spouse Appreciation Fair is May 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the enlisted club.

Since space is limited for the day's events and for child-care, people must RSVP by today to Ms. Schroeder at 652-5321, ext. 236.

For more information, call 652-5321.



Education Services

Building 208

Telephone: 652-5964

CCAF

A Community College of the Air Force commencement ceremony is planned for Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Randolph Officer's Club Ballroom. Invitations are being sent to the graduates' group commanders and first sergeants.

Limited services at the education center

Limited services will be available at the education center beginning at Tuesday at 11 a.m. due to the Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony.

ACCD

On-base registration for the May Intersession and the summer sessions for San Antonio College and St. Philip's College will be held Wednesday at the education center. Active duty have registration priority from 9-11 a.m. All others may register from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Call 659-1096 for more information.

UTSA

A representative from UTSA will be available at the Randolph Education Center Tuesday from 1:30-4 p.m.

Call the Office of Graduate Studies for more information at 458-4723.

AMU

American Military University now has a field representative in San Antonio available to answer questions and provide educational information. Starting in May, retired Army Sgt. Maj. Willie Cruz will be available at Randolph the first and third Fridays of the month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the education office. He can be reached at 789-5080.

Testing

The education office requires a 24-hour notification to cancel an appointment, and less than 24 hours is considered a no-show. If the no-show rate continues to be high, letters will be sent to commanders notifying them of the missed appointments.

Check us out online

The electronic version of the Wingspread has a link on the Randolph Web Page at

www.randolph.af.mil/12ftw/wing/pa/wingspread.htm



Chapel Services

Building 102

Telephone: 652-6121

Protestant

Sunday-Worship I at 8:30 a.m. in Chapel 1; Liturgical at 10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Worship II at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1; Gospel at 1 p.m. in Chapel 1

Monday-Protestant Women of the Chapel Installation Brunch at 10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Protestant Advisory Council meeting at 6 p.m. in Chapel 2; Male Chorus at 7 p.m. in Chapel 1

Wednesday-Gospel Choir at 7 p.m. in Chapel 1

Thursday-Children's Choir at 5:15 p.m. in Chapel 1; Chancel Choir at 7 p.m. in Chapel 1

Catholic

Saturday-Catholic Women of the Chapel meet at Oblate Center at 8 a.m.

Sunday-Mass at 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2

Monday-Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1

Tuesday-Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1; Contemporary Teen and Adult Choir at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel 2; Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7 p.m. in Chapel 1

Wednesday-Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1;

Thursday-Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1

Ecumenical

Wednesday-Christian Youth of the Chapel Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. in Chapel 2

There will be no meetings or activities held in the chapel center from Monday through May 23, due to the Operational Readiness Inspection.

For more information, call 652-6121.



Movies

Building 100

Telephone: 652-3278

Admission at the base theater is \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children unless otherwise noted.

Today

"Tears of the Sun" (R), 7 p.m. Starring Bruce Willis. A Navy SEAL ends up in Africa, struggling with human conflict.

Saturday

"Dreamcatcher" (R), 7 p.m. Starring Morgan Freeman. Four friends perform a heroic act and in return have strange powers.

Sunday

"The Hours" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Meryl Streep. A movie about three women's lives and how they connect.

May 9

"Bringing Down the House" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Queen Latifah. A lonely guy meets a woman on-line who breaks out of jail to meet him, and wreaks havoc on his life.

May 10 and 11

Free screenings

"Daddy Day Care" (PG), 2 p.m. Starring Eddie Murphy. After a father loses his job, he and some friends open up a day care. Tickets are available at the BX and Burger King. Fifteen minutes before the show, tickets are not needed and seating is first come, first available. One hour before the screening May 11, Jazz artist Shaakir will perform a free Mother's Day concert. Tickets for the movie are accepted for the concert as well.

May 10

"The Core" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Aaron Eckhart. A geophysicist has to stop an unknown force that is stopping the Earth's core from rotating.

May 11

"The Core" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Aaron Eckhart.

AF Club Membership Scholarship program

Air Force Services is conducting the seventh annual Club Membership Scholarship Program. Current club members and their family members, spouses, sons, daughters, stepsons, stepdaughters, who have been accepted by or enrolled in an accredited college or university for entry during the fall of 2003 term as a part-time or full-time student are eligible to apply for scholarships. Grandsons and granddaughters are eligible if they are a dependent of the club member.

Student enrollment status may involve either undergraduate or graduate curricula. Six scholarships will be awarded. The first prize is \$6,000, second is \$5,500, third

is \$4,500, fourth is \$3,500, fifth is \$3,000 and sixth is \$2,500. These prizes are made possible through commercial sponsorship provided by First USA Bank, Coca-Cola and Mastercard (no federal endorsement of sponsors intended). Entries must include the club member's name, last four digits of his or her club membership card number, base, club name and the entrant's full name with mailing address and phone number. If the entrant is someone other than the club member, state his or her relationship to the member and provide his or here social security number.

Entrants must provide an essay of 500 words or less on the following topic: "Air Force Clubs-help us make mem-

bers first." Nominees must also provide a single-page summary of their long-term career and life goals and previous accomplishments. The summary may include civic, athletic and academic awards and accomplishments. All entries are submitted to the base services commander or division chief by July 15.

Each base services commander or division chief can submit no more than two scholarship entries. Submit all entries on standard white bond paper with one-inch margins. The essay should be typed in 12-point Arial, Times New Roman or Equal.

For more information, call 652-2052. (AFSVA)

Base offers monthly activities



@ your service

Free child care initiative

Active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve personnel returning from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom will be offered free Extended Duty Child Care in support of their return to their home station and families.

The care is limited to no more than 16 hours per child and children must be 12 years of age or younger. The care must be used within 30 days of return from deployment. While this free child care initiative is for OEF and OIF deployments, members supporting other deployments of 30 days or more may also be considered for this support.

Parents who are required to work extended duty hours qualify for EDC, a program available through the Family Child Care Office. Active duty military, Reserve or Guard members on active duty, DoD civilian employees and DoD contractors assigned to Randolph qualify if their work hours exceed the normal 10 hours per day. Written verification of extended duty hours is required from the supervisor or commander. Parents can submit a request for care to the FCC coordinator five days prior to the start of the month, and any unscheduled requests can be arranged via phone or e-mail.

EDC does have some eligibility limitations. For example, EDC may not be used to meet a parent's regular child care requirements, to provide shift work care when shift work is the typical assignment, to provide hourly care for non-duty related reasons or for off-duty education or employment.

Gloria Stoker is Randolph's EDC provider. She has been a licensed provider for three years and has earned a developmental license through the FCC office. When EDC is necessary, Ms. Stoker will personally pick up the child or children from their regular day care and return with them to her home until their parents arrive. She is available, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for special extended child care needs.

For more information on the program or eligibility questions, call Essie Howard at 652-3668.

Military Spouse and Armed Forces appreciation day

In honor of Military Spouse Day and Armed Forces Appreciation Day the skills development center will be presenting one winner with a free instructional class of their choice. The drawing is open through May 18, and the winner will be picked May 19.

For more information, call 652-5142.

Stay in Shape in Every State

Start a journey to better health this month by traveling through every state. Stop by the fitness center and check out the Stay in Shape in Every State program.

For more information, call 652-2052.

Sunset Cruise

Outdoor recreation at Canyon Lake invites visitors to enjoy a sunset cruise on the lake, departing the marina Saturday, one hour prior to sunset and continuing until conclusion. The cruise takes place every Saturday and is \$3 per person or \$5 per couple.

For more information, call Canyon Lake at 1-800-280-3466.

Boating Safety Course

A boating safety course is offered by outdoor recreation the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6 p.m. in building 897. This course is required before rental of a pontoon, bass and ski boats at Randolph's Off Base Recreation Area.

Call 652-3702 to register for the course.

Mother's Day Brunch at the Enlisted Club

Make reservations now at the cashier's cage for May 11 at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$12.95 for Randolph Enlisted Club members, \$14.95 for non-eligible guests, \$6.95 for children ages 6-12, and children 5 years old and younger dine at no cost.

Seating is limited, so make reservations early. For more information, call the enlisted club at 652-3056.

Officers' Club Mother's Day Brunch

Reserve a table now for the Mother's Day Brunch at the Randolph Officers' Club May 11. This brunch sells out each year and seating is limited, so make reservations early. The cost is \$15.95 for adults, \$7.95 for children 5-12 years and children under 5 years eat free. Members First prices shown, and no coupons will be accepted. Call 658-7445 or 652-4864 between 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday or from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday though Friday to reserve your table.

Information, Tickets and Travel/Equipment Rental hours of operation

Monday	7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday - Friday	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sundays and Holidays	Closed

Sea World of San Antonio

The world's largest marine life adventure park and family entertainment showplace, presents a lineup of more than 25 shows, rides, animal attractions and educational

experiences for all ages. Daily admission passes are now available for \$33 for adults and \$22 for children. A two-year season pass is now available for \$76.50.

Six Flags Fiesta Texas

Fiesta Texas has a full line-up of shows, rides, a free water park and festive, Texas size extravaganzas. Fiesta Texas is open for the weekends through May. Advanced tickets are available at ITT for \$24 for everyone ages 3 and older.

Schlitterbahn Water Park New Braunfels

Schlitterbahn Waterpark Resort is open weekends through May 17, and daily from May 18 through Aug. 24. Discounted tickets are available for \$25.50 for adults and \$21 for children ages 3-11.

Splashtown San Antonio

Splashtown San Antonio is now open Saturdays and Sundays through May 31. It will open daily starting June 1 through Aug. 17, and Saturday and Sundays through Sept. 14. Discounted passes are available at the ITT office for \$13 for everyone ages 3 and up.

Upcoming Tours:

Arlington, Texas

On this trip guests will visit history, eat, shop and visit many sites including the west end district of Arlington. This trip is May 24-26. The cost is \$364 per person.

Palo Duro Canyon

A Texas legacy brings its stories to life in a theatrical production. The cost includes a back stage tour, two nights accommodations, a tour of the Panhandle Plains Museum, Cadillac Ranch and the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch. A cowboy breakfast, and steak dinner at the Big Tex Steak House is also included. The motor coach will depart Randolph June 6 at 7:30 a.m. and return June 8 at approximately 8 p.m. The cost is \$275 per person for double occupancy and \$305 for single occupancy.

Corpus, Aquarium and Lexington Trip

See warbird displays and a flight simulator. Visit the USS Lexington and the Texas State Aquarium. The motor coach will depart Randolph at 7 a.m. June 13 and return at approximately 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$45 per person.

Gambling

Join others aboard the Texas Treasure Casino Cruise Ship out of Port Aransas May 10. The motor coach will depart Randolph at 7 a.m. and return at approximately 8:30 p.m. The tour price is \$25 and includes roundtrip motor coach, international buffet and live entertainment. Enjoy live casino

action including loose slots, video poker, craps, roulette and blackjack. Other tour dates are June 21 and July 19.

Kinder gambling trip

Join others for a trip to the Grand Casino Coshatta in Kinder, LA., June 10-11. The cost is \$35 per person, double occupancy, and the package includes roundtrip motor-coach transportation, hotel accommodations, continental breakfast, dinner buffet at the casino and a tour guide.

Planning a vacation?

Stop by ITT and check out the Armed Forces Vacation Club or visit www.afv-club.com and browse the hundreds of properties that are available. Seven nights in a resort anywhere in the world for \$249 per unit per week available to all military and most DOD personnel. Armed Forces Vacation Club is a Space Available program that offers Department of Defense affiliated personnel the opportunity to take affordable condominium vacations at resorts around the world.

May Calendar

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| Today - May 31 | Stay in Shape in Every State, Fitness Center |
| Today | Footloose Band, 6:30-10:30 p.m., Sky Lounge, Officers' Club |
| Sunday | Comal River Night Dive and Snorkel Trip, 6:30 p.m., Canyon Lake |
| Monday | \$10,000 Bingo Extravaganza, 6 p.m., Enlisted Club |
| Tuesday | Caregiver Appreciation Day, Child Development Center |
| 9 | Texas Armed Forces Skeet Shoot, 8 a.m., Skeet Range |
| 9 | Rob Carter, 6:30-10:30 p.m., Sky Lounge, Officers Club |
| 9 | Family Child Care Providers Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Child Development Center |
| 10 | Diving Trip, 9 a.m., Canyon Lake |
| 10 | Aerobathon, 10 a.m. -1 p.m., Fitness Center |
| 11 | Family Fishing Contest, 8:30 a.m., Canyon Lake |
| 13 | Parent Advisory Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Child Development Center |

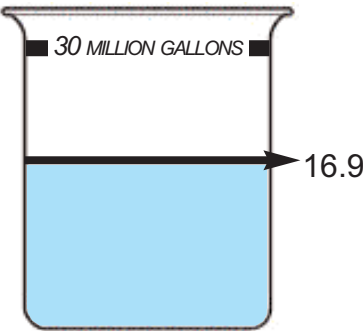
Airmen's Dining Facility

Building 860 — 652-5533 Recorded Menu 652-MEAL (6325)	7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Carry out
Weekday meals: 5:45 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. Breakfast 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Dinner	Weekends and Holidays: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Brunch 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Dinner No carry out

Water Matters

Randolph is in Water Conservation Stage *NORMAL*

- The conservation rules for stage "Normal" are published each week on the Wingspread's Water Matters page. The restrictions are:
- Any action resulting in wasted water is prohibited.
 - Landscape watering is allowed two days per week, but is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Even numbered street addresses can water Saturday and Tuesday and odd-numbered street addresses not building numbers can water Sunday and Wednesday.
 - Washing and rinsing of driveways, streets and sidewalks is prohibited (except as approved for health/safety reasons).
 - Washing POVs is allowed anytime. However, a nozzle must be used to conserve water. Charity car washes are prohibited.



Call the Water Abuse Hotline at 652-3788 for information and to report abuses.

Source: 12th Civil Engineer Squadron

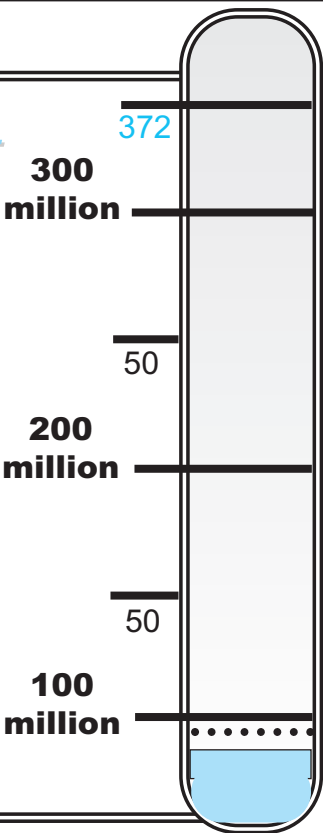
Randolph's water consumption limit for the month of April was 30 million gallons.

Randolph's actual water consumption for April (as of April 23) was 16.9 million gallons.

Year-to-date limit: 93 million gallons

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Actual year-to-date usage: 71.8 million gallons



Be a survivor, have a designated driver

AFPC wins championship

Sixth straight intramural volleyball crown

By Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force Personnel Center team two defeated the 12th Communications Squadron on April 23 at the fitness center to win their sixth straight intramural volleyball championship.

“We knew going in that we were going to have a hard time against an outstanding 12th CS squad,” said James Layman, AFPC coach. “Our game plan was to shut their big hitters and make there other guys beat us.”

Spectacular defensive play gave the AFPC squad the upperhand early in the match.

Every time 12th CS attempted to spike the ball, at least one AFPC defender was there to try and block it.

While defensive play helped AFPC early on, where they hit the ball carried them to the win.

“The ball placement was the key to our victory,” said Layman. “Our passing and serving gave us the upper hand.

The 12th CS team was not easily defeated. Every time AFPC went on a scoring run, 12th CS went on a run of their own to keep the score close.

AFPC kept the lead throughout the first game and won with the score 25-17.

In the second game, AFPC started out the same way they ended the first. They jumped to an early 5-2 lead and held it



The Air Force Personnel Center intramural volleyball team poses for a team picture after winning the championship. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley)

throughout whole game despite a late leg injury to one of their key players.

“Losing Alex Varner was tough for us because he was our best setter,” said

Layman. “He ended up partially tearing Achilles Tendon.”

Even without Varner, the AFPC team never lost a beat. They got controll of the

serve andscored three straight points.

With AFPC winning 23-19, they got another quick score and won a long rally to win the game, match and championship.